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SUBJ: CRITCHLEY COMMENTS RE US DEPLOYMENT IN EUROPE

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1. JULIAN CRITCHLEY EXPRESSED SIMILAR IDEAS TO THOSE
IN REFTEL DURING THE WEHRKUNDE CONFERENCE IN MUNICH EARLIER
THIS MONTH WHEN HE SPOKE IN PURELY PERSONAL CAPACITY.
THE WEHRKUNDE, HE ALSO PUSHED THE VIEW THAT SOME US
WITHDRAWALS FROM EUROPE IN NEXT FEW YEARS ARE INEVITABLE
AND HE HOPED THAT THE US WOULD CAREFULLY CONSIDER INCREASING
THE COMBAT CAPABILITY OF THOSE UNITS WHICH REMAIN AFTER
AN MBFR. HE WAS VERY PESSIMISTIC ABOUT THE CHANCES OF
HAVING US- ORGANIZED RESERVES QUICKLY REINFORCE EUROPE
IN THE EVENT OF NEED. FOR THIS REASONN HE INSISTED
THAT THE 7 TH ARMY' S LOC SHOULD BE SET BACK FURTHER INTO
BELGIUM WHERE IT WOULD BE LESS LIABLE TO BEING CUT IN
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THE EVENT OF HOSTILITIES.

2. CRITCHLEY'S COMMENTS DID NOT ATTRACT TOO MUCH ATTENTION BUT, IN THE SHORT DISCUSSION ABOUT THEM, IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT HIS PROPOSAL ON RESTATIONING US FORCES WOULD INVOLVE HUGE EXPENDITURES, FUNDS FOR WHICH ARE SIMPLY NOT AVAILABLE AT THE PRESENT TIME. FRG MAJOR GENERAL GERD SCHMUECKLE, FOR INSTANCE, AGREED THAT A TRANSFER MIGHT BE DESIRABLE BUT, BECAUSE OF FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS, IS EXTREMELY UNLIKELY, A VIEW WITH WHICH WE AGREE.

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